being adequately manufactured to meet the domestic requirements.

Installation of population clocks

2106. DR. SANJAYA SINH :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to instal population clocks at strategic locations in cities and towns in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) what would be the approximate cost of such a clock and who will manufacture them ; and

(d) how the Government proposes to meet the cost of these clocks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) It is proposed to instal a population clock at prominent places in the cities/town of India depending on availability of funds. These clocks. besides time will show increase in population every minute or fraction thereof as also messages on various aspects of Family Welfare. The entire electronic system would be illuminated.

(c) and (d) Hindustan Machine Tools a Public Undertaking, is fabricating these clocks. The cost of one clock with moving messages at present is approximately Rs. 14·35 lacs which includes installation cost and taxes. Expenditure on those such clocks two of which are at present under production by HMT is being met by UNFPA. The present cost of clocks with fixed messages is Rs. 6·30 lacs and the cost of two such clocks is being met by the Govt. of Australia through UNFPA.

National Goitre Control Programme

2107. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the areas identified on Chronic "Iodine-deficiency" areas ;

(b) what are the areas covered under the "National Goitre Control Programme";

(c) whether it is a fact that the expenditure on above programme has been cut this year ;

(d) whether Government are aware that more than 80 per cent families have a Goitre victim in the village Nanpur, District Ghaziabad, U.P. ; and

(e) if so, what special efforts Government have made in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Statement showing areas identified as Chronic Iodine Deficiency and covered under National Goitre Control Programme is annexed. (*See below*).

(c) Plan provision on the National Goitre Control Programme has been tentatively reduced during the current year as the subsidy which was being paid to the Salt Manufacturers for iodisation of salt has since been discontinued with effect from 1-3-92.

(d) According to survey conducted by Central Goitre Survey Team of Dte. General of Health Services in 1987, the overall-Goitre prevalance in Nanpur village of Ghaziabad, District was 28·4%.